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SUBJ: WAIVER OF FMS AND FISHERIES PROBLEM

REF: A. STATE 19918; B. QUITO 0639; C. STATE 20394; D. QUITO 0842;
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1. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS STAGE TO APPROACH AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED REF C. MY REASONING IS THAT WE HAVE NOW MADE OUR PITCH HERE TWICE - ONCE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL (REF B) AND ONCE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER (REF D). WE ARE NOW AWAITING THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO OUR PRACTICAL PROPOSALS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE FISHERIES TALKS. IT MIGHT, THEREFORE, BE REDUNDANT AND PERHAPS EVEN CONFUSING FOR US TO MAKE YET A THIRD DEMARCHE TO QUEVEDO IN EXPLANATION OF THE FMS WAIVER.

2. MY FEELING IS THAT QUEVEDO'S REACTION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH'S PRESENTATION (REF A) WAS BASED ON THEN EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER AND THOSE INSTRUCTIONS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD DID NOT CONTAIN THE
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NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND IN A MORE FORTHCOMING

WAY TO A NEW SITUATION. AS I REPORTED IN REF D, EVEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONDED SOMEWHAT LEGALISTICALLY WHEN I FIRST DISCUSSED THE FMS WAIVER AND OUR PROPOSED FISHERIES SCENARIO WITH HIM; BUT WHEN HE GRASPED THE PRACTICAL APPROACH I WAS SUGGESTING, HE SEEMED TO SHIFT TOWARDS A SOMEWHAT MORE PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FEEL FOR HIS PRESENT STATE OF MIND AFTER HE GIVES ME HIS PROMISED RESPONSE TO THE COURSE OF ACTION ON FISHERIES TALKS THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED.

3. IN THIS SAME CONNECTION, WE HAVE ALSO NOTED FROM PARA 2 OF REF E, PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR'S REPORT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH TO EFFECT THAT PAREDES IS DISINCLINED TOWARDS FISHERIES TALKS. MY HUNCH IS THAT, ALTHOUGH DE LA FLOR MAY BE ACCURATELY RELAYING WHAT WAS TOLD TO HIM, HE WAS IN EFFECT REPORTING GOE ATTITUDES PRIOR TO THE FMS WAIVER.
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